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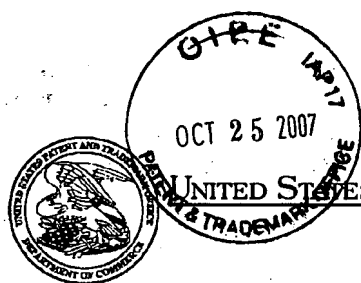
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/584,184**

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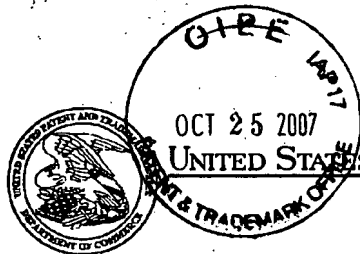
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The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and
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DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371
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The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/23/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/23/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/23/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/23/2006
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 06/23/2006
- English Translation of Annexes to the IPE filed on 06/23/2006
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ASSIGNMENT

FOR valuable and legally sufficient considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Anton FRANK, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of Lietstrasse 24, 74586 Oberspeltach, Germany and Oliver NÖHL, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of Bölgentaler Strasse 20/1, 74589 Satteldorf, Germany and Harold HOFFELD, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of Brunnenstrasse 41, 74564 Crailsheim, Germany have co-invented certain new and useful improvements in

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hereby assign to VOITH TURBO GMBH & CO., a German corporation having its principal office at Alexanderstrasse 2, 89522 Heidenheim, Germany (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 23, 2006 and assigned U.S. Application 10/584,184, and any continuation, divisions, continuation-in-part applications, inventor's certificates and extensions thereof, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent or other rights of protection may be granted as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had the assignment not been made.

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IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, we have hereunto set our hands and seal:

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